

Video Games and Literature

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Their Origin and Evolution

- As Robbins points out, the majority of the now popular video games come from RPGs, which started out as:

[T]abletop games such as Dungeons and Dragons, the earliest RPGs were true hardcore fare, with punishing difficulty and rich world-building and lore. The genre originally was divided into two classifications: Japanese RPGs (JRPGs) and Western RPGs. (46)

Their Literary Devices

- Figures of speech
- Tropes
- Archetypes
- Symbols
- Characterization
- Plot

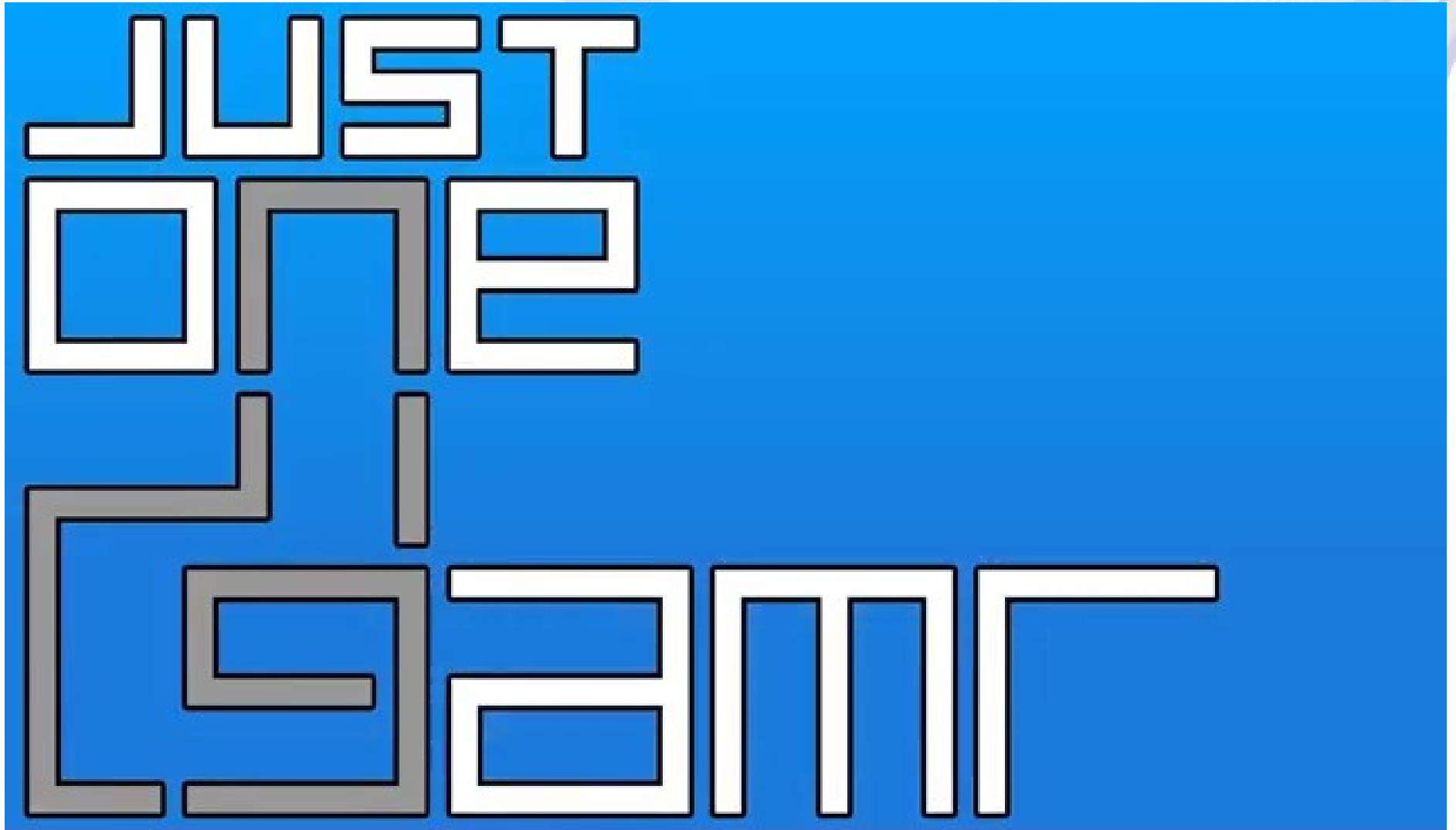
- Castlevannia Lords of Shadows: Mirror of Fate (3DS)

The image shows a logo for 'Gamezine presents'. The word 'GAMEZINE' is in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'presents' is in a smaller, blue, lowercase sans-serif font. The background is dark blue with horizontal lines and some light blue streaks, giving it a digital or glitchy appearance.

GAMEZINE
presents

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swLlriDgDWk>

Fire Emblem Awakening (3DS)



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lcEp8z6HB4>

Starcraft Broodwar (PC)



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VsdKesdaKs>

Their Criticism

- Some scholars focus on the analysis of literary devices in video games
- Others refuse to consider them as literary texts (while the definition of text is in itself very broad)
- Anita Sarkeesian analyzes video games and how they represent and perpetrate discrimination against women
 - She has received death threats as a response to her criticism and her analyses

FemFreq on YouTube



- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6p5AZp7r_Q&list=PLn4ob_5_ttEaA_vc8F3fjzE62esf9yP61

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